

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for ~~the production of~~ producing paper, board and cardboard by draining a paper stock containing interfering substances in the presence of polymers which contain vinylamine units and which have an average molar mass  $M_w$  of at least 1 million, ~~wherein comprising preparing a high-consistency paper stock is first prepared~~ metering, at least one polymer containing vinylamine units and having an average molar mass  $M_w$  of at least 1 million and a degree of hydrolysis of from 1 to 20 mol% is ~~metered~~ into the high-consistency stock, diluting with water the high-consistency stock is ~~diluted~~ to a low-consistency stock ~~by adding water~~, and draining the low-consistency stock is ~~drained~~.

Claim 2 (Original): The process according to claim 1, wherein the consistency of the high-consistency stock is more than 2% by weight, based on dry paper stock, and the degree of hydrolysis of the polymers is from 3 to 15 mol%.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the consistency of the high-consistency stock is from 3.0 to 6.0% by weight, based on dry paper stock, and the degree of hydrolysis of the polymers is from 5 to 12 mol%.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the consistency of the high-consistency stock is from 3.5 to 4.5% by weight, based on dry paper stock, and wherein the consistency of the low-consistency stock is brought to a concentration below 1.5% by weight, based on dry paper stock.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein polymers which contain vinylamine units and are obtainable by hydrolysis of homo- and/or copolymers of N-vinylcarboxamides are used.

Claim 6 (Original): The process according to claim 5, wherein hydrolyzed homopolymers of N-vinylformamide having a degree of hydrolysis of from 1 to 20 mol% are used as polymers containing vinylamine units.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein at least one retention aid is metered into the low-consistency stock.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the amount of the polymers containing vinylamine units and metered into the high-consistency stock is from 0.002 to 0.1% by weight, based on dry paper stock.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~The use~~ A method of using hydrolyzed homo- or copolymers of N-vinylcarboxamides having a degree of hydrolysis of from 1 to 20 mol% and an average molar mass  $M_w$  of at least 1 million in the production of paper, board or cardboard as an additive to a high-consistency stock containing interfering substances, for reducing deposits in ~~the wire part, press section and drying section of~~ paper machines.